APPENDIX I:

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

Cancel Claims 5, 8, 17 and 20, and enter new Claims 23 to 26, as indicated in the following listing of the claims:

1. (*previously presented*) A choline ascorbate in form of crystals and having diffraction lines at d = 3.80 Å and 4.55 Å which are most intense in a range between 3.40 and 4.70 Å in a 2 Θ X-ray powder diffractogram.

2. (*previously presented*) A choline ascorbate in form of crystals, wherein the crystals are free from water of crystallization.

3. (*canceled*)

4. (*previously presented*) The choline ascorbate crystals as claimed in claim 1, having an intensity ratio of the diffraction lines at d = 3.80 Å and d = 4.55 Å of at least 0.5.

5. (*canceled*)

6. (*previously presented*) A process for preparing choline ascorbate in form of crystals having diffraction lines at d = 3.80 Å and 4.55 Å which are most intense in a range between 3.40 and 4.70 Å in a 2 Θ X-ray powder diffractogram, which comprises reacting ascorbic acid with triethylamine and ethylene oxide, and carrying out the reaction in a temperature range from -10°C to 40°C.

7. (*previously presented*) The process of claim 6, which is carried out in a water-miscible organic solvent.

8. and 9. (*canceled*)

10. (*previously presented*) Drugs comprising the choline ascorbate claimed in claim 1.

11. (*previously presented*) Additives in foods, additives in animal feeds or food supplements comprising the choline ascorbate claimed in claim 1.

12. (*previously presented*) The process of claim 6, wherein ascorbic acid is reacted with triethylamine and ethylene oxide by adding ethylene oxide to a mixture comprising the ascorbic acid and the triethylamine.

13. (*previously presented*) The process of claim 12, wherein gaseous ethylene oxide is added to the mixture comprising the ascorbic acid and the triethylamine.

14. (*previously presented*) A choline ascorbate in form of anhydrous crystals having a melting point from 123.5 to 124.4°C or in the range from 123.5 to 124.4°C.

15. (*previously presented*) The choline ascorbate crystals as claimed in claim 2, having diffraction lines at d = 3.80 Å and 4.55 Å which are most intense in a range between 3.40 and 4.70 Å in a 2 Θ X-ray powder diffractogram.

16. (*previously presented*) The choline ascorbate crystals as claimed in claim 2, having diffraction lines at d = 3.80 Å and d = 4.55 Å which have an intensity ratio of at least 0.5.

17. (*canceled*)

18. (*previously presented*) A process for preparing the choline ascorbate defined in claim 2, which comprises reacting ascorbic acid with triethylamine and ethylene oxide, and carrying out the reaction in a temperature range from -10°C to 40°C.

19. (*previously presented*) The process of claim 18, which is carried out in a water-miscible organic solvent.

20. (*canceled*)

21. (*previously presented*) A drug comprising the choline ascorbate crystals defined in claim 2.

22. (*previously presented*) An additive in foods or in animal feeds or a food supplement comprising the choline ascorbate crystals defined in claim 2.

23. (*new*) A process for preparing choline ascorbate, wherein the choline ascorbate is obtained in form of anhydrous crystals having diffraction lines at d = 3.80 Å and 4.55 Å which are most intense in a range between 3.40 and 4.70 Å in a 2 Θ X-ray powder diffractogram and having a melting point from 123.5 to 124.4°C or in the range from 123.5 to 124.4°C, which process comprises

a) providing a mixture of ascorbic acid, triethylamine and a solvent,

b) adding to the mixture gaseous ethylene oxide, and

c) crystallizing the choline ascorbate,

wherein stages (a) and (b) are carried out at a temperature of from -10°C to 40°C, and

the solvent is a water miscible organic solvent or is a mixture of said organic solvent and water.

24. (*new*) The process of Claim 23, wherein the solvent is a water miscible organic solvent.

25. (*new*) The process of Claim 23, wherein the choline ascorbate is crystallized from the solvent employed in stage (a).

26. (*new*) The choline ascorbate obtained by the process of claim 23.